

Assembly Bill No. 861

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CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 100571 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 861, Ruskin. Public health services: consolidated contracts.

Under existing law, the State Department of Public Health is authorized, within its authority to contract with a provider for the provision of health services, to enter into a single contractual instrument encompassing services in any number of specified health services subject areas.

This bill, in addition, would require the department, within existing resources, to develop and implement, in consultation with local health jurisdiction representatives, a model consolidated and streamlined administration and contracting process with local health jurisdictions for the department's Center for Infectious Diseases and Center for Family Health, and the programs administered by the respective centers. The bill would require the 2 designated program centers within the department to develop a single model allocation contract between the department and local health jurisdictions that incorporates the programs administered by the program center, including, but not limited to, specified elements.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 100571 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

100571. (a) In order to unify overlapping programs that address community public health needs administered by the program centers within the State Department of Public Health, and to reduce administrative costs to counties so that more resources are available to directly serve the families and the communities toward whom the programs are directed, the State Department of Public Health, within existing resources, shall develop and implement, in consultation with local health jurisdiction representatives, a model consolidated and streamlined administration and contracting

process with local health jurisdictions for the department's Center for Infectious Diseases and the Center for Family Health, and the programs administered by the respective centers.

(b) Prior to July 1, 2011, the Center for Infectious Diseases and the Center for Family Health shall each develop a single model allocation contract between the department and local health jurisdictions that incorporates the programs administered by the program center, which shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following elements:

(1) Consistent budget regulations, including format, indirect costs rate, and allowable costs.

(2) A single invoice format.

(3) Uniform reporting requirements and outcome measures.

(4) Uniform staff time surveys.

(c) This section shall not authorize a local health jurisdiction to discontinue meeting its obligations under existing law to provide services or to reduce its accountability for the provision of these services.

(d) The program centers subject to this section may waive regulations regarding the method of providing services and the method of reporting and accountability, as may be required to meet the goals set forth in subdivision (b). However, the program centers shall not waive a regulation pertaining to privacy and confidentiality of records, civil service merit systems, or collective bargaining. The program centers shall not waive a regulation if the waiver results in a diminished amount or level of services or benefits to an eligible recipient, as compared to the benefits and services that would have been provided to a recipient absent the waiver.

(e) For purposes of this section, "program center" means an administrative subdivision of the State Department of Public Health, whether created by statute or by administrative regulation, that oversees and administers multiple public health programs relating to a specified public health subject area.

Approved _____, 2009

Governor